



Hello!

My name is Emma Boone and I am the new *Children and Families Development Officer* at Halton Libraries.

That's a long job title, but essentially it means that I am the lead for all things related to children, their families and our encouragement towards, and promotion of, reading for pleasure. We all know that "Reading for pleasure is more important to children's successes than education or social class" (source: Reading Agency) and at Halton Libraries we like to promote this alongside our variety of events, groups and activities (including our school holiday activities).

So, what do I have planned?

- Lots of new class visit topics for you to choose from – we want you to return to our libraries as often as possible for different sessions each time
- Continued promotion of our free, drop in events such as Rhymetime, Saturday Stories and our popular Lego clubs
- A wide variety of books for children to choose from to suit all reading preferences – picture books, non-fiction, fiction, graphic novels and more
- Daily free activities during each school holiday, linked to books and reading as much as possible
- Visits to *you* in school – what can I do to help?
- Big annual events – World Book Day (coming soon) and the Summer Reading Challenge and more

Our events and plans can be found on our website: [Halton Libraries | Runcorn and Widnes Libraries \(haltonbc.info\)](https://www.haltonbc.info) where you'll find a link to all things Children. I'll ensure this is kept fully up to date.

We are also on Twitter (X), Facebook and Instagram. Please follow us and we will ensure we follow you back too. We post all our events on here so keep an eye out.

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And one last thing – you can get in touch with me anytime on emma.boone@halton.gov.uk or give me a ring on 0151 511 8293. I used to be a teacher myself so I know your free time during the working day (and evening and weekend) is precious, but please do get in touch if there is anything I can do to help and support.

Many thanks

Emma